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that they are going on with this campaign. They are continuing it. They are doing it on the advice of the best medical experts available to the Government."

Fresh taxation to finance the Second Five-Year Plan

* 347 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state whether the Madras Government have given any assurance to the Government of India in regard to fresh taxation to finance the Second Five-Year Plan and, if so, what is the assurance?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"No, Sir."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—"Is the Minister aware of the report published in the Madras papers that the Finance Minister has given an undertaking that, pending general elections, no further taxation will be imposed in this State?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"I did not say 'pending election'. My general view is that we have reached a limit of taxation. But, still, if we are compelled to make a little more effort for the purpose of fulfilling the plan, I am sure the people will not hesitate to bear that additional burden."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—"Is it proper on the part of the Hon. Minister to reveal the Budget secret that there will be additional taxation in the next Budget?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"I never revealed any secret. I said 'We have been heavily taxed already'. I stated 'If necessary, the people will have to bear a little additional burden for the purpose of fulfilling the Plan'. I did not disclose anything else. But somebody gave some information and it was published."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—"Will the Hon. Finance Minister, having developed a sympathy for the public of Madras, keep up this sympathy and say that no further taxation will be imposed for another year?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Sir, not only I have developed sympathy now, but I always have sympathy for the people. It is because of the sympathy for the people and to give them all the amenities that we impose taxes. It is not merely for the purpose of harassing the people but it is for giving further amenities to them."

Kaveripauk anicut

* 348 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Kaveripauk anicut was originally built: and